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EDITORIAL OPINION

AMEN, BROTHER NEELY!

We would like to endorse a statement made by the veteran U. S. Senator from West Virginia, Matt Neely, to the voters of that state after his recent renomination for another six-year term. Said Senator Neely, in part:

"Please let me appeal to you to join with me soon after the adjournment of the present session of the Congress in healing Democratic primary wounds, if any there be, in promoting Democratic harmony in every county, and in organizing the Democratic voters of every precinct into planning, working, fighting battalions to win on the second of November for all the people of West Virginia a victory more decisive and beneficient than any other ever won for them by the oldest, greatest, wisest, and best of all political parties — the incomparable Democratic Party — founded by Thomas Jefferson, vitalized by Andrew Jackson, liberalized by Woodrow Wilson and immortalized by Franklin Roosevelt. In return for rendering this priceless service 'your honor, name, and praise shall never die.' "

Amen! And may we add, not just in West Virginia, but all over the nation, the people must unite and this November vote to send a Congress of the people to Washington. The bigger the Democratic majority the better.

VICTORY FOR KEFAUVER

(Washington Post)

Many persons outside of Tennessee, as well as the thousands of Tennesseans who supoprted Senator Estes Kefauver for renomination, will be pleased by his victory over Rep. Pat Sutton. Presumably the campaign that Mr. Sutton waged was his own undoing. Instead of going to the people with a constrcutive program, he devoted most of his efforts to smearing Senator Kefauver. The people have now replied with their votes, and what they have said in effect is that demagoguery akin to McCarthyism is no recommendation for election to the United States Senate.

Senator Kefauevr appears to be certain of re-election in November not only because of the preponderance of Democrats in Tennessee, but also beacuse of the Republican fiasco in nominating as his opponent a man who has no intention of running. Ray Jenkins, special counsel in the cent Army-McCarthy hearings, had given notice that he would not be a candidate, but his name remianed on the ballot, and he won a substantial mapority of the Republican votes for Senator. His continued unwillingness to run appears to leave a clear field for Senator Kefauver.

While this newspaper has often disagreed with Senator Kefauver we regard him as a conscientious and able legislator. His consistent support for the policy of free-world solidarity as contrasted with the isolationism of his opponent would alone have entitled him to renomination if there had been no other issues in the campaign. In addition, he is nationally known for his investigation of criminal rackets and for his spuport of progressive legislation in the fields of housing, social security and education. Undoubtedly his sponsorship of the Tennessee Valley Authority and his opposition to the Dixon-Yates contract that would enable a private utility to build the steam plant TVA sought, also aided his candidacy. His continued presence in the Senate will be a salutary influence.

FIREFLY WATCHING

(New York Herald Tribune)

There are a lot of good reasons for a man to be sitting out late on a summer night. There's a cool, still restfulness around after a hot day. A man likes it as much as a cornstalk. A soft little breeze comes along occasionally and rustles a cottonwood tree. The moon is hanging on to its last quarter in acquisitive fashion. And, after a brief shower at twilight, fireflies, who like dampness, flutter their lanterns flirtatiously.

This hasn't been much of a season for fireflies. A man takes what there are of them gratefully, just as he'll accept the first ears of sweet corn and a first harvest apple. Fireflies, like sweet corn and early apples, are justly popular. Fireflies have gleamed through countless centuries of Summer nights. The unextinguished firefly even has the dubious satisfaction of mystifying science—a process of confusion which nature often achieves. The cold light a firefly can switch on and off at will has made experts in light, heat and kilowatts ponder hugely and finally dig up some rather unsuccessful explanations of firefly methods. But a firefly hangs on to its own bright secret. And it never sends a scientist a bill the way a public utility does or a light which is a lot less lovely and shines less for love.

Those are good hours of a summer night when a man can have fireflies around him and the more stable stars above. A scientist, stumped by a firefly's smartness in the lighting game, has said in an annoyed manner that "fireflies have little economic importance." This makes a man and a firefly laugh. Stars are sort of non-economic, too. Gosh, the things that are of no economic importance are many in nature. Maybe that it is lucky that this is so. Anyway, it is lucky for fireflies. It would be sad to have fireflies gathered up and used for an evening lamp under which an in door man might read about Titania.

Stars are looking down from a clear sky. Fireflies, perhaps, wonder what adventurous insects are doing so high in a wide heaven, companioned by a waning moon. Mars and Venus show up as mighty big fireflies. If there are no unlighted mosquitoes to drive him inside, a man can have a lot of calm satisfaction out of a firefly-sitting night. Others stay close to earth and cast a glow for an instant on the startled dew-wet heads of sleeping red clover. Fireflies may be of little economic importance, but they are sure nice to watch on a summer night.

TEACHERS NEEDED

(New York Times)

Each year, it would seem, the shortage of teachers become more acute. The situation is viewed with regret by educational organizations at their annual meetings; suggestions are made regarding the need for increased salaries and more vigorous attempts to recruit capable young people for teacher education; plans are laid for special adjustments and other temporary means to alleviate current shortages. With all of these efforts the situation has grown worse in the elementary field and the shortage is spreading to the secondary school field.

There is no doubt that something must be done and done rapidly if we wish our children to receive the education to which they are entitled. Certainly better salaries are needed. The time would seem ripe too, for a more active acmpaign of educating prospective candidates for the teaching profession in the values which the profession affords.

It would be useful to survey the actual conditions under which teachers work and to compare those conditions with those found in other occupations. Emphasis should be placed upon the security aspects of the position, the possibilities for advancement, the values inherent in a job well done. Teaching is a profession that compensates its practitioners in direct ratio to the amount of effort put into doing a good job. Professional recognition grows in direct ratio to the professional approach made to the position. The publ cithat pays the bill would perhaps be more willing to go along with increased salary demands if it understool exactly what its funds bought.

In short, one possible solution of the teacher shortage may be found in showing prospective teachers the values in the field and at the same time pointing out to taxpayers the values they receive in direct proportion to the support they offer their eduactional systems. With better understanding of what is involved would come more active support on both sides.

A SAFE DRIVING LESSON FROM THE SKY

(Contributed)

A commercial airline pilot is reported to have told his passengers recently as their plane was landing:

"You are now about to experience the most dangerous part of your journey .. the drive from the airport to your homes."

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Above all, it's necessary to remember that you're at the controls of a land vehicle, not a plane. The giant air transport of today can zoom safely through the air at fantastic speeds, but you had better slow down if you want to live.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

"Nothing to Sneeze At"

This year our town decided to do something about its hay-fever sufferers. Hap Thomas is our health officer, so he was made ragweed "inspector."

"Can't see why anybody should be bothered by a few weeds," he snorted. "I say it's all in their minds." But Hap went on out to do his job.

Then, yesterday, I met Hap—looking kind of sheepish. His eyes were red and as he took out a big handkerchief, he sneezed. "Know somebody who isn't allergic, who'd like a job?" asks Hap.

From where I sit, I can sympathize with Hap. It's no joke. But as Hap admitted later, he was dead wrong in scoffing at the idea of hay fever. Making light of other people's ideas and opinions is a familiar trouble with a lot of folks. Whether it's hay fever, football or a choice of, say, buttermilk or beer as a thirst-quencher, I'm just naturally "allergic" to anybody who "knows-it-all"!

Joe Marsh

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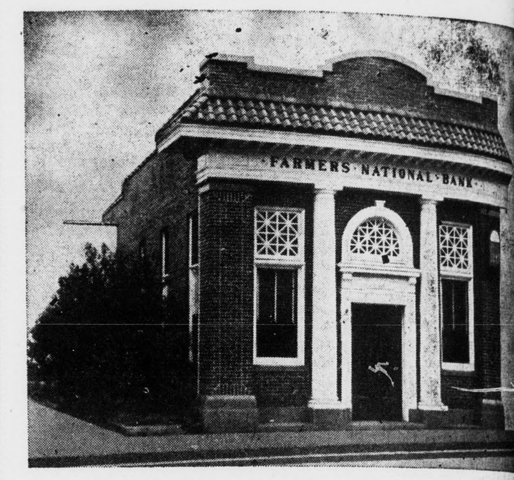

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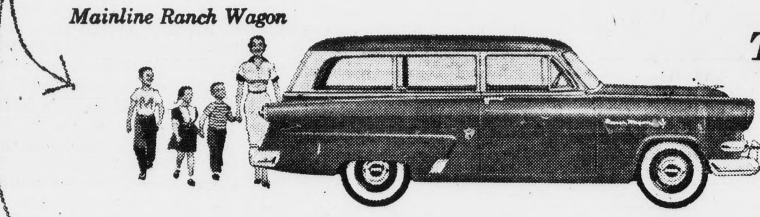

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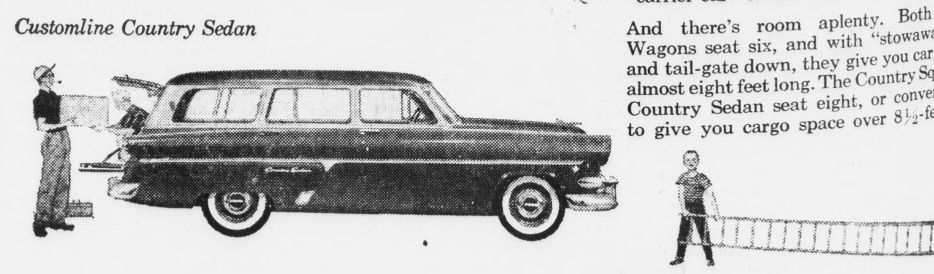

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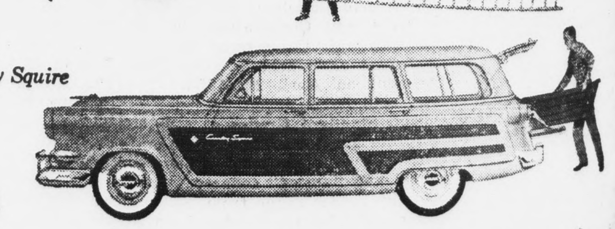

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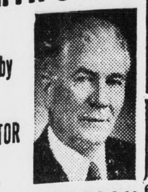

Principles Involved in The Farm Bill Decision

During my 21 years of service in Congress I have endeavored to translate into Twentieth Century the principles of our great political philosopher —Thomas Jefferson— and it was in that spirit I took my position on the farm bill debated by the Senate last week. Jefferson believed that those governed were the best governed, and that the central government should limit its functions to those which could not properly be handled by the states and their local subdivisions. He believed also in private enterprise and a minimum of government control over activities of individuals.

The chief point at issue in the farm bill was whether the Senate would agree with the House of Representatives and with seven out of fifteen members of the Senate Agriculture Committee on a price support program with a flexible feature or whether it would accept the recommendation of the majority of eight members of its Agriculture Committee who reported a bill calling for a continuation of rigid support for basic crops at 90 per cent of parity. A third alternative we had to consider was that if we passed a bill the President, who has advocated flexible supports, was unwilling to sign and which could not be passed over a veto, the present law allowing supports to drop to 75 per cent of parity would become effective next year.

The subsidy which agricultrue has received from price supports is a direct result of the essential need during World War II to stimulate domestic production of food and fibre to the point where there would be a surplus above our own needs which we could gurnish to our allies. To justify farmers in taking the risk of increasing their production in excess of domestic market demands the government promised them a floor under their prices for an appropriate period of readjustment after the war ended. In 1949 four years after the end of the shooting war, we attempted to start this readjustment by passage of a bill to end fixed support for basic crops but the effective date of this law was postponed and our biggest losses have occurred during the last five years, primarily as a result of attempts to support perishable products such as potatoes, butter and cheese. Now we face additional big losses from wheat surpluses which have accumluated becaues the acreage reduction law was not enforced as we gradually lost our foreign markets.

The bill which I supported in the Senate eliminated the unworkable plan for supporting perishables and permitted a reduction to as low as 80 per cent for wheat. It made no change in the 90 per cent support for tobacco, on which there has been no loss because production has been kept in line with market demands. It also provided 90 per cent support for wool, of which we produce only one-third of our domestic needs. Next year cotton will be supported at 90 per cent and that support level can be continued if production is properly controlled. Peanuts will be supported for another two years at not less than 86 per cent of parity. In general, the bill provides that supports can continue at 90 per cent but only if farmers are willing to cooperate by producing to meet market demands instead of for sale to the government. If they prefer to produce without the restriction of acreage allotments and marketing quotas they can do so, but should not look to the government to guarantee them against losses.

This, I believe, is in keeping with Jefferson's principles and a step in the direction of returning agriculture to the free state it should enjoy except under war emergency conditions.

Since we have practically completed our program of legislation except for conference reports scheduled to be acted on this week, this is the last weekly news report which I shall make on this session of the Congress.

A Shoshone Indian girl named Sacajawea, which means "Bird Woman," guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition through the Northwest.

Robert Morris and Haym Salomon helped finance the American Revolution.

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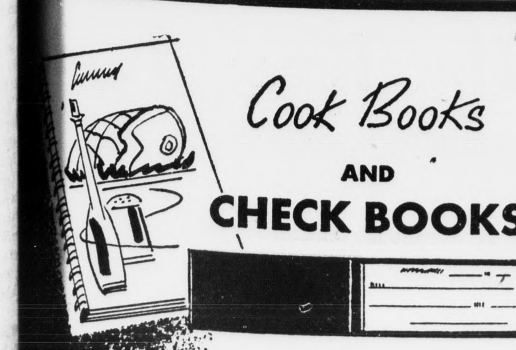

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Wildlife abounds and more than a hundred varieties of plants and flowers bloom during the season turning the mountainsides into blankets of color, particularly in the spring and fall. Trout fishing in the tumbling streams, prohibited this year because of last fall's drought damage, has provided many an angler with many a tall story about "the one that got away."

So, though you can't do anything about the weather, you can still beat the heat by going where the weather is ideal .. in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains and the Skyline Drive.

SPIDER MITE DAMAGE INCREASING IN VA.

Continued dry weather in most of Virginia is bad for crops..but good for spider mites..and damage from the insects is on the upgrade.

That's the report from Arthur Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, who weekly compiles a report of insect activity in Virginia.

The spider mites are extremely heavy on corn and peaches, and in some sections are threatening peanuts. A heavy build-up on one farm reported is due to lack of clean cultivation and no harvesting of cover crops. Weeds in the area of the orchard and fields are heavily infested. Last year the mite population became so heavy on the farm that after the peanuts were shocked a layer of mites one-fourth inch gathered on top of the shocks. A miticide applied in a small part of the field last year resulted in a yield of 15 bags of peanuts per row while unsprayed rows produced only 5 bags per row.

Spider mites and potato leaf-hoppers, plus the dry weather, are causing damage to Montgomery County gardens. Blister beetles are beginning to invade gardens in many areas of the state, and green June beetles are appearing in numbrs in southeastern Virginia.

The adult meadow spittle bug continues to build up in numbers in Botetourt County fields. Farmers need to use control measures, and some farmers of Wythe County also will have to start control for the spittle bug if they hope to have any success with alfalfa.

On Pittsylvania County tobacco the flea beetle is "light to heavy," and on pears in Washington County a severe infestation of clover mites is reported.

County agents are being briefed on insect infestations throughout the state and can give information on how to control them.

A massive chain prevented the British from sailing up the Hudson River during the Revolution.

President Tyler saw himself burned in effigy before the White House.

Martin Van Buren was the first President born in the USA.

Oakville

Oakville, July 29.- Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith motored to Richmond Friday, July 16, to spend part of their vacation there with there son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Christian B. Smith, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, born July 29, Viva Jane. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Jr. and son. Then they motored to Williamsburg and saw "The Common Glory," and visited other interesting places, including Buggs Island Dam, Ocean View and Virginia Beach. They returned home Wednesday, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Sunday afternoon.

Oakville, August 3.- Betty Harris is visiting Gail Drinkard this week.

We are glad to hear that Mary Ellen Moore, S. N., will finish her special course in training in Philadelphia and will return to Virginia Baptist Hospital August 8. She will be there until she graduates in August of '55.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and son, Charles and daughter, Jane Ann, of Beckley, West Va., and Mrs. Ellen H. Moore were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr. and family spent several days recently in Cleveland, Ohio visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson and also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Yeatts and Cynthia and W. C. Story.

Bonnie Lou Moore is spending her vacation this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin.

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